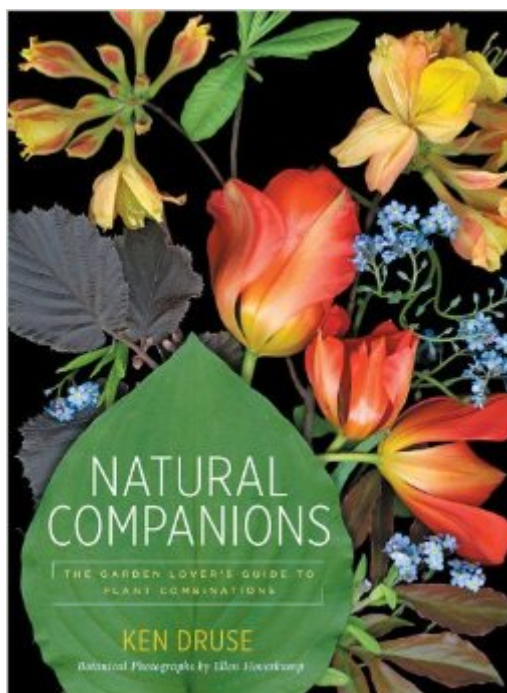


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# Natural Companions: The Garden Lover's Guide To Plant Combinations



## Synopsis

In *Natural Companions*, acclaimed garden writer Ken Druse presents recipes for perfect plant pairings using diverse species that look great together and bloom at the same time. Organized by theme within seasons, topics include color, fragrance, foliage, grasses, edible flowers and much more, all presented in photographs of gardens that show planted combinations from a wide variety of climates and conditions. *Natural Companions* also features more than one hundred special botanical images of amazing depth and color created in collaboration with artist Ellen Hoverkamp using modern digital technology. Filled with an incredible amount of horticultural guidance, useful plant recommendations, and gardening lore—all written in Druse's charming, witty style—this book is a must-have for gardeners and lovers of plants and flowers.

**Praise for *Natural Companions*:**

- Druse and Hoverkamp have made a splendid book that will be useful to careful gardeners and armchair botanists alike.
- "American Scientist" Provides seasonal tips on planting flowers that bloom (and look lovely) together. Whether or not you have a patch of dirt, you'll dig the book's stunning, hyper-detailed photography.
- "Wall Street Journal" An engaging blend of humor (the punning titles are rib-ticklers), garden history, botanical knowledge, and practical advice . . .
- "Organic Gardening" Foodies have bread and chocolate. Romantics have Rogers and Astaire. Now, in *Natural Companions*, garden expert Ken Druse presents the perfect partners of the plant world!
- "New York Spaces"

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## Customer Reviews

I ordered "Natural Companions" from the moment I heard it was available. Garden books by Ken Druse are not to be missed. The moment my copy arrived, I opened the box, looked inside and gasped! This is a breathtakingly beautiful "garden book." Now that I've begun reading it, I can say it's full of valuable information, too. And plenty of Ken's humor! Ellen Hoverkamp's dramatic, lifelike photographs have such impact, I fall in love with plants all over again. Most of the photos are composites of many flowers, helpfully accompanied by a identification key. Since the book is divided into many subjects, it works well to read just a few pages at a time--take a break to digest -- then move on. Savor it: this book is a treasure.

I have just finished looking at every picture. This is probably one of the most beautiful and informative books on gardening ever published. As I turned the pages I gasped out loud with delight. I have already purchased two more as gifts.

The illustrations in this book make it worth the purchase. Ellen Hovercamp is an accomplished artist and digital photographer/scanner, and the result is eye candy beyond belief. Ken Druse's prose is also lovely. Well worth having in my collection!

This beautiful book will soon become a bit ragged around the edges because I can't keep my hands off of it. It is a work of art! I plan on giving this book to all my gardening friends as gifts this year.

The book shares many colorful companion plantings that add interest, texture and forms; all aspects of good design principals. I highly recommend this book where you can get ideas for plant companions. Do not overlook foliage colors for added interest.

Ken Druse always tells you interesting and surprising things about plants, and his photographs are a guarantee you'll have a very beautiful book. No one can match his combination of lively, intelligent writing and great horticultural photography. So I ordered Natural Companions as soon as I learned about it. The book explains how to combine flowers, leaves, stems, etc. to get the best effects in your garden. A very special treat here would be the many amazing displays of cut flowers and foliage beautifully arranged and scanned (it's hard to believe how gorgeous and fresh they look!) by his collaborator, Ellen Hoverkamp, which are included along with Druse's in situ garden shots. The book is loaded with ideas you can use to make your own creative displays. It has many short sections, grouped by broad topic, that explain a wide range of factors you can consider in planning

a garden, and I think you'll want to dip into it again and again. It would make a great gift for a gardener, or for that matter, for anyone who appreciates nature's beauty.

Bought this book at BandN and returned because is a much better deal. This book is gorgeous! I actually purchased it when I was looking for artist reference books to help me with adult coloring. Besides the beautiful photos and excellent quality of the paper, the photo compositions are awesome. The fact that the photos are composed in groupings of flowers and leafs is a plus because it helps me choose a color scheme as well.

I am a flower painter and this book "Natural Companions: The Garden Lover's Guide" is a magnificent large format book by Ken Druse. The flowers are artfully arranged and beautifully photographed by Ellen Havercamp on a dark background. The photographs are designed in clusters of a wide variety of flowers, some similar, some widely different in a botanical style and will serve as a beautiful book to treasure for any avid flower lover or artist as I am and will serve as a wonderful reference. It was reasonably priced on and I highly recommend it.

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